

Vassar March 22/66

Friday afternoon

My Dear Sister

Perhaps you will

wonder why I commenced this
so much earlier than usual,
well, a little while ago we were
summoned to the parlor we went
down and there was Mary Collins
with a very kind invitation from
her brother and wife to go out and
spend Saturday & Sunday with
them I took the invitation to
Miss Lyman's room and she was
not there so I went to the President
he gave me permission immediately
whereas Miss Lyman would
have made us answer about
twenty questions and perhaps
not let us go after all the fuss
so I thought best to commence
a letter for fear that we would
not get it done in time for the
first mail Monday morning
but they are not coming for us
if it rains and it is raining now
so I think it very doubtful I just
told the girls that I was afraid
that I shall not know how to
behave but shall be saying "please
pass the syrup" please the bread"
those two things are our constant
desire or at least so you would
think were you hear the times
they were called for every meal
Your weekly accounts are very
nice we are able to picture you
all I am real sorry that Kate
Reed is sick is she confined to
her bed Our love to them both
Sunday evening

Dear Mame

Well here we are

back in the Asylum after a
very pleasant little visit at
Joseph Collin's only think it is
three months since we have
been in any house Their house
is situated a little way out of
Poughkeepsie and in the prettiest

place I most ever saw you can
see on one side the Fishkill Mts
and on the other the Catskill
with the Hudson river in
front I had no idea that there
were so many nice houses or
that the scenery was so grand
until now, as it is not so pleasant
here every one wonders why he
did not build it on higher ground
and on the river but I am
wandering.

They have a very nice pretty house
furnished inside about like ours
they have one daughter and two
boys they are very pleasant, polite
people and altogether we had a
very pleasant time. Mary Collins
requested her love to be sent she
is going to return soon
We had very nice letters this week
from Alice Cornell and Cousin
Hannah this Joseph Collins wife
is the one that Cousin Alice thinks
so much of she is very lovely
You spoke of the professors I have
not mentioned because I did not
think of it Prof. Knapp professor of
languages resigned and said that
he was going immediately he was
a great favorite with the students
so of course there was a great deal
of talking which Dr Raymond
forbid. I knew that Prof. Knapp
thought himself too much under
Miss Lyman but if they had any
fuss among themselves they were
wise enough to keep it from us
poor little innocents so I cannot
give you much information
{Caroline E. Slade}